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TRUTHFUL SHRINKAGE LABELS REQUIRED ON COTTON GOODS

New Rules Enforced by Federal Trade Commission Protect Consumers Against Misrepresentation by Manufacturers and Dealers.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Following many years of effort by organizations of consumers to require manufacturers to attach quality labels to cotton goods, a workable procedure is now applied to cotton goods under the new trade practice rules issued by the Federal Trade Commission.

The Consumers Guide, published by the Consumers Council Division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, reports that the new rules require that labels on all cotton fabrics and manufactured cotton goods making claims about shrinkage must now specify what they mean when they say "shrink" or "pre-shrink."

Issued after several years of controversy, the rules legally forbid any advertising, labels, or sales statements that deceive or mislead consumers regarding the amount cotton goods will shrink.

"Shrunk and pre-shrunk may be used to describe cotton goods if, when they are used, a statement guaranteeing

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WILLIAM E. BRYAN DIES; LEATHER WORKERS HEAD

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

William E. Bryan, for many years president of the United Leather Workers International Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, died from a heart attack in the Holyoke Hospital, Gallipolis, Ohio, on November 21, where he had gone from his home at Middleport, Ohio.

Mr. Bryan was actively interested in the affairs of his union up to the time of his passing away. Two weeks before his death he attended an important conference with members of the General Executive Council of his union at Philadelphia.

In 1937 Mr. Bryan supported the movement to secure adequate tariff protection for the light leather industry. A joint committee of workers and employers in the light leather industry was formed and a campaign inaugurated to tell the truth about the ravages of foreign competition. As a result of this campaign the United States Congress finally enacted a protective tariff which meant employment of several thousand additional workers in American plants.

Funeral services were held in Middleport, Ohio. His widow survives.

COMPANY MUST REINSTATE HATTERS UNION MEMBERS

Labor Board Also Orders La Salle Hat Company to Put $7,660 Back Wages in Pay Envelopes of Victimized Unionists.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The La Salle Hat Company, Philadelphia, and Bernard Salesky, David Salesky, and Joseph Salesky, individually and as co-partners doing business under the firm name of Salesky Brothers, Sunbury, Pa., were ordered by the National Labor Relations Board to stop discouraging membership in the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, Local No. 60, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, or any other organization, and to reinstate with 118 employees with back pay totaling approximately $7,660.

The Board also ordered the company, upon request, to bargain collectively with the union as sole representative of the employees.

Sound Films, Radio and Recorded Music Destroy Jobs of Actors and Musicians

International Labor Office Considers Methods to Preserve Rights of Interpretative Artists in Phonograph Records and Broadcasting to Relieve Unemployment.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Geneva, Switzerland.—The advisability of adopting international regulations to safeguard the rights of interpretative artists in radio broadcasting and phonograph recording was considered by a committee of experts, representing the various interests concerned, appointed by the International Labor Office, which met in Geneva, the last week in November.

If the committee decides in favor of such regulations, it probably will recommend to the Governing Body of the ILO that the question be placed upon the agenda of an early session of the International Labor Conference. The Conference, comprised of Government, employer and worker representatives from most of the sixty nations having membership in the International Labor Organization, meets each June in Geneva.

Emphasizing the extraordinary development of phonograph recording and radio broadcasting in recent years, a report prepared by the International Labor Office to serve as a basis for the committee's discussions declared that this development has revolutionized the economic position of interpretative artists.

Jobs Lost by Thousands

The public, it pointed out, able to listen to music and drama at home, has in many cases deserted theatres and concert halls; cafes, dance halls, and similar establishments have resorted more and more to radio and phonograph music; and many motion picture houses which, before the advent of the sound film, employed a certain number of musicians, have since dispensed with their services. As a result, it says, unemployment among actors and musicians has risen to "catastrophic proportions."

Thus, in France in 1932, said the report, it was estimated that out of a total of 7,000 theatrical artists, only 1,500 had jobs; in the United States in 1935, 15,000 musicians were listed by Federal agencies as in "urgent" need of relief; and in Japan in 1936, unem-

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Toledo Slum Clearance Projects Benefit Small Income Families

New Development Will Provide 380 Dwellings for Workers Upon Whom Employers Impose Substandard Wages.

Washington, D. C.—Nathan Straus, Administrator of the United States Housing Authority, announced that sealed bids for construction of "Charles F. Weiler Homes," the lowest housing development in Toledo, Ohio, will be received until 12 noon December 21 in the offices of the Toledo Metropolitan Housing Authority in Room No. 412 of the Nasby Building and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Commodore Perry Hotel.

For this development, which will provide about 380 dwellings, slum dwellers families now living in Toledo's slums,

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AFL Union Is Favored By Iron Firm Workers

Royersford, Pa. (AFLWNS).—The International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, has been certified by the National Labor Relations Board as the sole collective bargaining agency for employes of Hammond Iron Works of Royersford.

The action of the Board was based upon comparison of union membership cards against company payrolls, which disclosed that the A. F. of L. union had a majority of the company's employees within the appropriate unit.

Lodge No. 1390 of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America, affiliated with the C. I. O., claimed some of the employees as members but introduced no evidence to prove their claim.

Ladies Hand Bag Union Protests American Embargo on Trade With Nazis

Reinlib Commends President Roosevelt and President Green for Their Militant Position Against Hitler's Persecution of Jews.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

New York, N. Y.—Samuel Reinlib, president of the International Ladies Hand Bag, Pocketbook and Novelty Workers Union, sent telegrams to President Roosevelt and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, commending them for their outstanding declarations against the persecution of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Germany by Hitler's Nazi government.

Telegram to President Roosevelt

In his telegram to President Roosevelt, Mr. Reinlib said:

"We cannot too loudly and our voice of protest to express the indignation, horror and revulsion of the world against the atrocities visited upon all human beings, be he Christian or Jew.

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Candy Employes Vote For AFL Bakery Union

Chicago, Ill. (AFLWNS).—Following comparison of union membership applications with company payrolls, the National Labor Relations Board certified the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union of America, A. F. of L. affiliate, as exclusive collective bargaining agency for production and distribution workers of Farley Confections, Inc., Chicago.

The A. F. of L. union was certified for the workers, including Flocca and Wettstein and elevator operators, but excluding clerical, office workers, shipping and receiving employes, supervisors, foremen, truck drivers and helpers.

The Board found that 28 of the 31 employes in the appropriate unit had signified their desire to bargain collectively through the union.

Machinists Negotiate Agreements Covering 234 Firms in Five Weeks

Minnesota Highway Department Signs Up For Union Hours and Wages; One Tacoma Contract Includes 81 Garages.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Carrying on vigorously its policy of improving the living standards of its members, the International Association of Machinists, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, has signed agreements covering 234 firms during a five-week period ending with the last week in October, according to a report submitted by H. W. Brown, general vice president of the Machinists Association.

The wide sweep of the unions' activities is shown by the location of the cities in which agreements were negotiated. They are: Des Moines, Keokuk, Belvidere, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Eureka, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego, Calif.; Anniston, Ala.; Cleveland, Akron, Springfield, Lancaster, Ohio; Covington, Ky.; Newark, Union City, N. J.; Chattanooga, Memphis, Tenn.; New Orleans, La.; Fond du Lac, Madison, Milwaukee, Wis.; Laramie, Wy.; New York, N. Y.; St. Paul, Minn.; Washington, D. C.; Grand Coulee, Kings County, Spokane, Wash.; Brunswick, Kelso, Kalama, Snohomish County, Tacoma, Vancouver, Washington.

Significant among the agreements

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J. J. HYNES, METAL WORKERS HEAD, DIES

Washington, D. C. (AFLWNS).—John Joseph Hynes, for the past 26 years president of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, died here November 30 of a heart attack. He was 64 years of age. He had been ill for some time.

Besides serving as president of the Sheet Metal Workers Union Mr. Hynes held vice presidencies in the Metal Trades Department, the Railroad Employes Department and the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor.

Funeral services were held at his home in Chestnut Hill, Mass. A widow and daughter survive.

A. F. of L. Coal Trimmers Win Pay Raise Contract

New Orleans, La. (AFLWNS).—The A. F. of L. Coal Trimmers Union here has negotiated an agreement with the W. G. Coyle Steamship Company providing for the closed shop, pay increases ranging as high as 20 cents an hour, time and one-half for overtime, and other standard union terms.

Rumanian Government Abolishes Labor Unions; Adopts Fascist-Nazi Scheme

Workers Are Forced Into "Corporations" With Neither Voice Nor Vote and Prohibited From Joining International Organizations; Dictators Use Honeyed Words to Mask Anti-Union Schemes.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Instructive information regarding the policy of the government of Rumania to abolish free labor organizations and substitute therefor the notorious dictatorial labor policy of Mussolini's Fascists in Italy and Hitler's Nazis in Germany comes from the International Federation of Trade Unions, Paris, France, with which the American Federation of Labor is affiliated. The article entitled "Will Rumania Fall to Fascism?" the Bulletin of the I. F. T. U. says:

It is a well-known fact that all Fascist movements have started by trying to attract the workers and promising them all the advantages denied to free organizations and their economic situation.

It was therefore more than suspicious when the Rumanian Government issued last summer a decree affirming that intense activity was in progress in the Ministry of Labour with a view to meeting certain wishes of the workers. Efforts in the field of the legal status of certain trades, Sunday rest, recreation, labor contracts, etc., were reported, and incidentally mention was made of the fact that the Trade Union Act was to be modified.

Sweet Phrases Uttered by Labor Ministry

Immediately after followed the honeyed words: "The Ministry of Labour, in the interests of the more pleasant and more useful utilization of leisure time, will organize lectures, dramatic and musical performances, film showings, etc., either through its organs in collaboration with the free associations of workers, or in consultation with their occupational organizations."

The organ of the Printers' Union ("Typograph") states openly that "people have shown a particular love for the workers, but only with the aim of securing their votes by forming a trade association," and also that "other bodies also form trade associations, purely as a matter of political speculation, and in

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AFL BUTCHER WORKMEN SIGN UP CUDAHY PLANT

Twenty-Five Independent Packers In Los Angeles Area Now Have Agreements With Amalgamated Meat Cutters.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Los Angeles, Calif.—T. J. Lloyd, vice president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, announced the consummation of an agreement between Local 267 and the Cudahy plant in Los Angeles.

The agreement calls for a union shop, vacations with pay, holidays, and a thirty-two-hour guarantee. Approximately 900 employes are covered by the contract.

This is the first major packer in Southern California to sign an agreement with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen. Organizers M. J. Tyrrell and D. K. McDougal and the officers of Local No. 267 assisted Vice President Lloyd in negotiating the agreement. The local union was established a little more than a year ago.

Officials of the union announced that in the past year twenty-five independent packers in the Los Angeles area have signed agreements with the A. M. C. and B. W. of N. A.

Many Marine Accidents Caused By Carelessly Rigged Ladders

Marine Inspection and Navigation Bureau Says Lack of Life Lines Also Imperils Safety of Crews in Heavy Weather.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Washington, D. C.—The paramount importance of proper gangways and the use of side ladders for boarding docked vessels and the installation of life lines for the protection of seamen in heavy weather to decrease marine accidents is emphasized by the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation of the United States Department of Commerce.

In discussing the subject of "Carelessly Rigged Ladders" the Bureau says:

"In the investigation of marine casualties and accidents by the Marine Investigation Boards, it has been brought to the attention of the Bureau that many accidents occur, and that a number of lives are lost, owing to the use of improper gangways for boarding vessels while the vessels are lying alongside the dock. These accidents, and sometimes loss of life, are avoidable if the personnel of the vessels concerned will take proper precautions and use the side ladders with which all vessels are usually equipped, or have constructed a suitable brow.

"The following are some of the causes of the above accidents:

"1. Use of ordinary ladders which are either too short or too long; short ladders slide and fall, and long ladders overbalance.

"2. Improperly secured ladders of the ordinary type.

"3. Loose planking laid on ladders.

"4. Lack of man rope or other hand ropes.

"5. Improperly adjusted and swinging side ladders.

"6. Lack of properly equipped landing platform at the head of the ladder.

"7. Slippery gangways caused by ice or other weather conditions.

"8. Ladders extending upward over the bulwarks so as during heavy weather properly equipped ladder leading from the gangway to the deck of the vessel.

Turning to the "Use of Life Lines at Sea," the Bureau declares:

"Investigations have shown that insufficient attention is paid to the use of life lines during heavy weather, especially on cargo vessels.

"Life lines should be installed fore and aft and athwartships on decks exposed to the sea during heavy weather for the safety of the crew who must pass along these decks when engaged in the ordinary routine of the vessel.

"These life lines, supplemented by

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Printing Firms Sign Pressmen's Contracts

Columbus, Ohio (AFLWNS).—The International Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union, affiliated with the A. F. of L., has negotiated agreements with the McGee Printing Company, Athens, Ohio, and with all employing printers in Lancaster, Ohio, Robert G. Farley representative of the International Union, reported here.

248,000 WORKERS GOT JOBS BACK IN OCTOBER

Employers Have Rehired 900,000 Since Last June, Says Secretary of Labor Perkins.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Washington, D. C.—The additional employment of 248,000 non-agricultural workers during October was reported by Secretary of Labor Perkins, who said 900,000 workers in this category have returned to their jobs in the last four months. These figures do not include employes on Works Progress Administration Projects or other Federal emergency agencies. They also exclude temporary cannery employes who left the part of the industrial labor supply, but are taken into industry during the packing season.

Employment Gains by Industries

"The outstanding employment gain in October was in the automobile, body and parts industry in which approximately 85,000 workers were returned to jobs," Miss Perkins said. "This gain reflected the increased production of new models.

"The hardware industry, due largely to demand for automobile hardware, reported a gain of nearly 7,000 workers.

"The employment increases in other durable goods industries reporting substantial gains and in which in virtually all instances the gains were larger than seasonal were electrical machinery (2,500), paratus, and supplies (7,200 workers), steel (3,700), radios and phonographs (4,300), glass (2,800), stamped and tinware (2,600), jewelry (2,500), bronze, copper products (2,800), agricultural implements (1,900), and shipbuilding (1,800 workers). Nondurable goods industries in which substantial seasonal gains were shown included beet sugar (12,000 workers), men's furnishings (2,300), confectionery (2,500), cottonseed oil, cake, and meal (1,200), petroleum (2,200), leather (1,900), automobile tires (1,500), knit goods

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WOLL'S LEAGUE TO AID DEMOCRACY PROGRESSES

Membership Includes Leaders In All Walks of Life; Americans Are United Against Destruction of Freedom by Autocracy, A. F. of L. Vice President Says.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Announcement of a national conference to support the American organization to support and strengthen democracy, the rights of minorities and freedom under law was made by Matthew Woll, third vice president of the American Federation of Labor, as a result of invitations issued by him to representative men and women following the action of Hitler, the German dictator, in openly depriving hundreds of thousands of Jews of their citizenship rights and political rights and unlimbering persecution in the most obnoxious forms against them.

"We expect to announce definite organization plans and a definite program within the coming week," said Mr. Woll.

As previously announced, a number of small meetings have been held, at which objectives and plans have been discussed. The degree of determination

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74 U. S. CONTRACTS PROTECT THE TOILERS

Forty-Hour Week and Prevailing Wage Rates Required in One Week's Purchases by the Government Totaling Two and One-Half Million Dollars.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Washington, D. C.—During the week ending November 26, 1938, thirteen Government agencies reported 74 contracts valued at $2,506,842 as compared with the preceding week when fourteen Government agencies reported 109 contracts valued at $6,299,795, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins announced.

All of the contractors to whom these contracts were awarded are required to comply with the provisions of the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act which makes the five-day, forty-hour week and the prevailing rate of wages in the locality in which work is performed mandatory. In addition the employment of convicts and child labor is banned and strict compliance with State and Federal safety laws is required.

The classification of goods purchased submitted by the Labor Department in-

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DRAFTSMEN FILE CHARGES AGAINST FIVE N. Y. FIRMS

State Labor Relations Board Is Told the Concerns Refuse to Bargain With A. F. of L. Union.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

New York, N. Y.—The Architectural and Engineering Guild, Local 66, of the International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Unions in New York City, has submitted charges of unfair labor practices in the field before the State Labor Relations Board against concerns with having refused to bargain collectively with the union, despite the fact that the draftsmen have had an agreement have been organized into the union.

The five concerns are: Ely Muller, North American Iron and Steel Company; Wander Iron Works, C. E. Hilbeck, and Law Pipe Railing Company.

The organization work of the Guild is carried on by G. H. Holland, president, and J. Lawrence Halmbt, chairman of the collective agreement and labor relations committee. Howard H. Spellman, general counsel of the Guild and a member of the New York City Council, is cooperating with union officials in the hearing before the State Labor Relations Board.

Labor Laws Gained by A. F. of L. Non-Partisan Political Policy

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

The American Federation of Labor's continued and unswerving advocacy and application of its Non-Partisan Political Policy as the best way of effectively mobilizing the political strength of working men and women in the interests of labor legislation gives renewed importance to Federal statutes benefiting workers secured by this method.

The A. F. of L. Non-Partisan Political Policy declares it to be the duty of the organized wage earners to "stand faithfully by our friends and elect them" and "oppose our enemies and defeat them," whether they be candidates for President, for Congress or other offices, whether executive, legislative or judicial.

This policy means that in considering candidates for Congress, each candidate record is examined from the point of view of his friendliness for labor, disregarding entirely his political party connection.

Taking up the Seventy-Fourth Congress, which convened on January 3, 1935, and closed on June 50, 1936, it is found that during that period the following Federal laws of interest to labor were enacted:

The National Labor Relations Act guaranteeing the rights of the workers to organize in unions of their own choice and bargain collectively without interference from employers.

Stand faithfully by our friends and elect them. Oppose our enemies and defeat them, whether they be candidates for President, for Congress, or other offices; whether Executive, Legislative or Judicial.

Social Security Act, making provision for Federal old-age pensions, unemployment compensation, and Federal assistance to State pensions for the indigent aged.

Appropriation of $4,880,000,000 for relief of unemployed.

Prison Labor law prohibiting transportation of prison made products into states having state use system.

LABOR STANDARDS IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Providing that contractors on Government work shall pay the prevailing rate of wages, work employes 8 hours a day and 5 days a week with no child labor to be employed on all contracts entered into by an activity of the Government.

Prohibiting transportation in interstate commerce of professional strike breakers.

SPY SYSTEM PROBED

Investigation ordered by the United States Senate to end spy systems operated by detective agencies employed by employers and corporations to prevent the organization of labor.

Placing under state compensation safety laws all employes of navy yards and public works.

Providing that all passenger vessels

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FIRM MUST END ATTACKS ON A. F. OF L. UNION

Vaughan Furniture Company, Galax, Va., Is Also Required by Labor Relations Board to Reinstate Discharged Employes.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Galax, Va.—Following an investigation of charges of unfair labor practices filed against the Vaughan Furniture Company, Inc., Galax, Va., by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local No. 1064 affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, the National Labor Relations Board ordered the company to stop discouraging membership in the Carpenters' Local and, upon demand, to bargain collectively in good faith with it.

The Board also ordered the company to reinstate 13 employes and place two others on a preferential rehiring list, and to post the Board's order throughout the plant along with statements that the company's supervisory employes are not in any way to interfere with union activities of employes, under penalty of being reported to the company's president and the Board's regional office.

In addition, the Board required the company to post notices that every employe is free to join either the A. F. of L. union, the Association of Vaughan Furniture Employes, or any other labor organization that every eligible employe is free to vote in any way he desires in any election that may be held; that the company will not interfere with employe voting, and that if any labor organization is designated by the majority the company will recognize it as the sole representative of all production employes.

Catholic Leader Endorses Genuine Partnership of Capital and Labor

Assistant Director McGowan of National Catholic Welfare Conference Social Action Department Upholds President Green's Proposal for a Fair Partnership Wage for Workers Paid Out of Net Income.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Praise for the support of "some form of a partnership which shares excess income equitably between management, workers and investors," enunciated by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement to the sub-committee of the Senate Education and Labor Committee investigating profit-sharing plans, by the Rev. Raymond McGowan, Assistant Director, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Department of Social Action, in a press release entitled "Fare well to Revolution."

"William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, says before the Senate Committee that profit-sharing is not a substitute for partnership between labor and capital 'would be the greatest incentive to sustained efficiency,' and he lays down statesmanlike conditions of such partnership," the Reverend McGowan said. "It is also the means of social justice, the way to end unemployment and poverty, the barrier to excessive government, the cure of the class struggle, the quietus of all resolution, the veto of Nazism and Communism.

"For it means joint action by organized investors and organized labor to make industry act for the general welfare. If we can get that, while we're still head laws and governmental help, we'll not need so much, we'll get the distribution of the output that will let us use the output fully and get more output, and well and this mass unemployment and mass poverty. Then who will be wiping Lovejoy or give government any dictatorship?

Rules for Partnership Wage Summarized

"Mr. Green is speaking directly of profit-sharing—the 'partnership-wage,' a very 'center' of the problem. That profit-sharing schemes have often been used, even if honestly, for wrong purposes, is notorious. So Mr. Green lays down the effect three rules to make them good:

"1. Productivity wages, wages fixed as high as productive power seems to indicate, and then beyond that the profit-sharing, the partnership-wage, through which labor, like investors, will share in the net income.

"2. Collective bargaining to establish both productivity wages and partnership wages.

"3. Labor union knowledge of all costs and its participation in deciding sales policies, salaries of executives, re-

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AFL UNIONS TO BARGAIN FOR ARMOUR EMPLOYES

Coopers, Operating Engineers and Electrical Workers Included in NLRB Certification for South St. Joseph Plant.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

South St. Joseph, Mo.—The National Labor Relations Board has certified the affiliates of the American Federation of Labor as bargaining representatives respectively for three craft groups of employes at the South St. Joseph plant of Armour and Company.

The unions certified were: Cooperage International Union of North America, Local Union No. 59, chosen by a majority of the cooper-shop employes; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 545, selected by a majority of electricians.

The Labor Board announced that the certification of the three A. F. of L. unions was on the basis of cards designating the unions as bargaining representatives.

Upholsterers Executive Commends Roosevelt For Denouncing Nazi's Persecution of Jews

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

New York, N. Y.—Sol B. Hoffmann, president of the Upholsterers' International Union of North America, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, sent a telegram of commendation to President Roosevelt for his action against the persecution of hundreds of thousands of Jews and other minorities in Germany.

Following is the text of Mr. Hoffmann's wire to the President:

"The Upholsterers' International Union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, with a membership of thirty-five thousand heartily applauds your courageous statement on the latest brutalities of the Nazi madmen.

"Our membership joins your protest against the persecution of the Jews, Catholics and Protestants who are the innocent object of the bloody terror.

"We urge an embargo on German goods by our governments."

Meat Cutters Sign Up Jacksonville Grocery

Jacksonville, Fla (AFLWNS).—The local union of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America has negotiated an agreement with the Lachawanna Grocery Company here under which all meat cutters and butchers employed by the company have become members of the union.

TRUTHFUL SHRINKAGE LABELS REQUIRED ON COTTON GOODS

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maximum shrinkage accompanies them," writes the Guide. "Thus, a manufacturer may label a garment: 'These goods have been shrunk (or pre-shrunk) to the extent that residual shrinkage will not exceed — per cent when tested in accordance with recognized and approved standards of test.' Or the statement may simply say: 'Pre-shrunk—residual shrinkage 1 per cent; or 2 per cent.'

"Residual shrinkage simply means that while the garment has been shrunk, it may suffer additional shrinkage to the extent stated.

"Such words as 'full shrunk,' 'shrink-proof,' 'non-shrinkable,' and similar terms are banned if the goods so advertised, sold or labeled contain any capacity to shrink.

"Look at labels carefully when you buy cotton goods in the future. Unless that contain shrinkage guarantees will be your most reliable protection against shrinkage. Manufacturers who don't claim their goods are 'pre-shrunk' or 'shrunk' are not affected by the rules. Their goods are guaranteed not to shrink more than 2 per cent meet most consumer needs; if the percentage is more, the buyer is entitled to new goods.

"If the goods or garments don't live up to the label shrinkage guarantee, do this, emphasis to the store where you made your purchase; then report the violation to the Federal Trade Commission for investigation."

Sound Films, Radio and Recorded Music Destroy Jobs of Actors and Musicians

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ployment among musicians was estimated at 41 per cent as compared with 16 per cent for technical workers in industry. Again, in Vienna in 1937, it was estimated that 90 per cent of musicians were without work.

Smaller Market for Phonograph Records

The report admitted that phonograph recording and radio broadcasting were only partly responsible for these conditions, and that the general effects of the depression were also largely to blame. Nevertheless, it called attention to the fact that while, in most branches of industries, the decrease in employment followed the shrinkage in consumption, "never in history has the public listened to so much music and to so many entertainments as today when interpretative artists are so grievously affected by unemployment."

As regards employment opportunities deriving from the preparation of phonograph records and the organization of radio broadcasts, the report held that these are far from making up for the loss resulting from competition with direct performances before the public. Moreover, it pointed out, that while phonograph competition was, for several years, offset to some extent by the growing demand for new records, which resulted in large payments to recording artists, the recent decrease in the demand for records caused by radio competition with the phonograph has further complicated the situation.

In this connection, it revealed that manufacturers' receipts from records sold in the United States dropped from $47,500,000 in 1921 to $3,500,000 in 1933, while between 1926 and 1932 the number of radio listeners increased from 16,000,000 to 60,000,000, and between 1925 and 1929 receipts from broadcast radio sets rose from $165,500,000 to $592,000,000.

Phonograph Records Decrease Employment

As a result, said the report, not only has employment previously provided for interpretative artists in phonograph recording been greatly curtailed, but the frequent use of phonograph records for broadcasting, amounting sometimes to as much as 100 per cent in the case of small stations, has replaced the living artist in the studio and deprived him of another possibility of employment.

That many broadcasting companies could not function without phonograph records, and could not offer to the public the programs they now provide, the report acknowledged. It explained:

"The main support by the use of phonograph records is considerable, and the funds at the disposal of the broadcasting establishments are far from sufficient to enable them to engage himself on a regular and continuous basis."

Nevertheless, it cited a case in the United States where, after a broadcasting company had paid $5,000 to a famous orchestra for transmission of a program, a rival concern bought an excellent records made by the same orchestra and was able to broadcast a concert for $15.

Again, it disclosed that an inquiry conducted in 14 European countries revealed that, in three months, the time on the air given to the broadcasting of records was over 5,000 hours. The number of the records used was estimated at about 150,000, whereas the fees for the same programs with the artists themselves participating would have been about $1,000,000.

"It should be emphasized once more," added the report, "that only the recourse to phonograph records can the broadcasting establishments function as they now do and offer the public programs of high standard and varied character. To deprive them of this possibility would be a serious blow not only to financial considerations and their artistic possibilities.

"But it is none the less true that performers suffer severely from this situation. They are the hardest hit of all the parties collaborating in radio broadcasting, since the others have succeeded in protecting themselves by certain rights and the payment of certain remunerations in the case of broadcasts of this sort."

Twelve Baltimore Printing Firms Ordered To End Company-Financed Employes Guild

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Washington, D. C.—The National Labor Relations Board issued an order against Sumners Printing Company, Waverly Press, Inc., Stieff-Roedersheimer Sons, Thomsen-Ellis Co., Maryland Coupe Printing Co., Watkins-Foreman Co., Fleet-McGinley Co., Meyer & Thalheimer, Lucas Brothers, Baltimore Type and Composition Corporation, Monumental Printing Co., and Harry S. Scott, Inc., a group of twelve concerns engaged in the commercial printing and related businesses in the city of Baltimore, Md., Maryland, based upon a stipulation entered into by all such concerns, to cease and desist practices charges filed against the companies individually by the Baltimore Allied Printing Trades Council.

Under the terms of the order the companies are required to withdraw from the American Guild of the Printing Industry Employes Association, which is dominating or interfering with its administration or giving effect to any collective bargaining agreements with it; cease discouraging membership in the Printing Trades Council, or in any manner interfering with, restraining or coercing their employes in regard to their rights to self-organization.

Notices are required to be posted in the plants for a period of thirty (30) days, setting forth the findings of the Board concerning the establishment of the Guild as a bargaining agency.

The American Guild of the Printing Industry Employees Association," the Board said, was organized following a strike which occurred in the printing industry in Baltimore in 1921, at the instance of one of the employers. The Guild was organized by employer contributions equal to dues payments of the employe members of each. Six employe members of the Guild, by employers, and an equal number chosen by employes who were not members of the Guild, under the direction of an executive manager whose salary was paid by the Guild.

"The Guild has hospitalization and other benefits for members, but the continuance of which express provision was made in the stipulation."

Coal Mine Deaths in U. S. Are Higher Than in Any Other Nation Except Japan

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Geneva.—Switzerland, although coal miners in the United States have a higher output per man than those of any other nation, an International Labor Office report on accident risks, which was submitted to a Committee of Experts meeting here, declared in a letter to discuss "Safety in Coal Mines," shows that the fatal-accident rate in American coal mines is higher than in those of any other country except Japan.

The report, which emphasizes the fact that the accident risk in coal mines is far higher than in any other industry, contains statistics of accidents in the leading coal producing nations. It discloses that between 1927 and 1935 fatalities in American coal mines averaged 4.37 per 1,000 man/years of exposure to risk, as compared with 4.32 for Japan; 2.67 for Canada; 2.17 for the Union of South Africa; 2.01 for Poland; 1.70 for New Zealand; 1.61 for Germany (Prussia); 1.32 for Great Britain; 1.18 each for Belgium and India; 1.01 for France; 0.82 for the Netherlands; and 0.34 for Australia.

However, in all but six of these countries, the fatal-accident rate in coal mines decreased between 1927 and 1935. The six exceptions were: Japan, where fatal accidents increased from 3.80 in 1927 to 4.54 in 1935; Canada, where the increase was from 2.91 to 3.45; the Union of South Africa, from 2.45 to 4.88; Poland, from 1.81 to 2.46; India, from 1.10 to 1.66; and France, from 0.98 to 1.03.

In the United States fatal accidents rose from 4.12 per 1,000 man/years in 1927 to 5.67 in 1935; in New Zealand, the increase was from 1.66 to 9.47; in Germany (Prussia), from 1.53 to 2.15; in Great Britain, from 1.34 to 1.79; in Belgium, from 1.36 to 1.16; in the Netherlands, from 1.09 to 0.97; and in Australia, from 1.03 to 0.69.

Statistics of non-fatal accidents in coal mines are less complete. No figures are given for the United States prior to 1934. They show, however, that 1935 non-fatal accidents in American coal mines averaged, in terms of 1,000 man years of exposure to risk, 219.3 as compared with 424.6 in Prussian mines; 414.5 in Japan; 309.3 in the Netherlands, 181.1 in Great Britain; 182.5 in Poland; 142.6 in Canada; and 141.9 in Germany.

In all these countries the non-fatal accident rate declined during the six-year period. In the United States the decline was from 253.4 in 1930 to 192.7 in 1935; in France, from 417.1 to 413.4; in Japan, from 437.1 to 362.5; in the Netherlands, from 252.0 to 194.8; in Great Britain, from 214.1 to 196.1; in Poland, from 180.4 to 143.1; and in Germany (Prussia) from 163.5 to 113.5.

Rumanian Government Abolishes Labor Unions; Adopts Fascist-Nazi Scheme

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order to attain an important place in public life as their leaders."

"The fact that the great majority of the workers are not in any sense of organization, but that the most energetic part of the industrial workers have organized themselves in their own, proper trade unions, of which the central body is the Nati-nal Trade Union Center.

"The trade unions have therefore no reason to raise to the better organization of the workers. "Modification of the Trade Union Act and the Act on the legal status in this direction would certainly represent a great step forward towards trade union centralization provided the freedom of association now guaranteed in the Constitution were at the same time respected."

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Machinists Negotiate Agreements Covering 234 Firms in Five Weeks

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were some of those negotiated with associations covering a number of firms. In Tacoma, Wash., an agreement was negotiated with the Automotive Industries Association, comprising 54 repair and service stations. Also in Tacoma per agreement was reached with 54 firms of the Tacoma Automobile Dealers Association.

The union shop agreement negotiated with the Minnesota State Association provides for a seven-hour day, 35 hour week, time and a half for overtime, double time for work performed on Sundays and holidays, 15 days' leave per year and two weeks vacation with pay, and minimum wages ranging six months service with the department. The monthly wages are: Equipment inspectors, $190; machinists, $205; field mechanics, $195; auto mechanics, specialists and machinists' welders, $170; helpers, $150. The agreement also contains seniority provision.

The agreement signed with the Labor Advisory Committee of the Washington Automotive Trade Association terminated a strike of approximately three months duration caused by the employers' refusal to recognize the union and their employes. The settlement reinstated former rates of pay. The agreement further provides for an eight-hour day, 40-hour week, time and one-half for overtime, double time for over-time in excess of four hours and for work performed on Sundays and holidays. The minimum hourly wage rate is 90 cents for mechanics and 60 cents for helpers was established for Ford body and Ford and Lincoln dealers. It was negotiated by Mr. Woll and Lewis Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. A large number of officials of national and international labor organizations, state and local federations of labor, presidents of a number of universities, leaders of Protestant and Catholic prelates, and other leaders in groups devoted to the preservation of liberty for all classes.

Toledo Slum Clearance Projects Benefit Small Income Families

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the USHA has made a loan contract of $1,644,000, representing 90 per cent of the total estimated development cost, which includes the cost of land, dwellings and equipment, but not the cost of overhead expenses of the local authority, its architects and engineers.

Charles F. Weible Homes will be erected on a 27-acre tract, of vacant land adjacent to the Central business of the city and adjoining 53-acre Navarre Park. During and after completion of the project, an equivalent number of slum dwellings will be demolished or closed up throughout the city.

Brand Whitlock Homes, the Government's 77-unit housing project, was developed from an allotment of $2,000,000 and now under lease to the Toledo Authority, was one of the first projects built under the Government's law concerning housing projects and provides 264 homes for low-income families at rents within their limited means.

Ladies Hand Bag Union President Urges American Embargo on Trade With Nazis

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in the power maddened country of tyranny.

"Only weapon we know of to combat this plague is the immediate embargo into effect strong and complete embargo on German trade.

"We can only hope and pray that this may somehow awaken a people long enslaved under the scourge of Nazi dictatorship."

Telegram to President Green

The text of Mr. Reinfeld's telegram to President Green follows:

"Heartfelt congratulations on letter you sent asking for stringent boycott of German made products.

"Your humane and broad approach to a topic which is constantly causing heartache and sorrow to all civilized people, Jew and Gentile, minorities and majorities alike, comes at a time when there could be no greater need for such an attitude.

"We are sending copies of your letter to all our local unions and urge their cooperation and support to see that this boycott is carried out and pray that everyone will respond to this call."

SOVIET UNION BUILDS MANY BABY NURSERIES

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

According to a survey made by the Soviet Union, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is establishing many new nurseries for the babies of workers, mothers and children. The nurseries are established for this purpose were established for this purpose were established for this purpose were

Early this year, the Associated Press reported, the number of the Czars was 39,640 infants up to three years of age had been built. Others to care for 66,185 were under construction. Bodo Ostrowski, Soviet commissar of labor, at the end of 1937 had reached a total of 179,000. Seasonal nurseries are also active and state farms were equipped to care for 2,812,000 babies.

In 1928, when the five year plan of the Soviet Union started, 1,668,000 new babies were entered into nurseries. They worked both day and night shifts in mills and factories. Also, a permanent nursery service was organized to correspond with the mother's working hours.

"INDEPENDENT" UNION DENIED CERTIFICATION

Brooklyn, N. Y. (AFLWNS)—The National Labor Relations Board announced that workers entered a petition for investigation and certification as bargaining agent filed by Rose Amsalo in behalf of a group of employes of J. & A. Young, Inc., Brooklyn shirt manufacturer.

The secretary and treasurer of the company, Rose Amsalo, testified that she had not requested the company to bargain collectively with the union on any matter. The petitioner, Rose Amanzio, corroborated Miss Amsalo's testimony, and stated that the independent union had just begun to bargain with the company if the occasion should arise. No other labor organization asserted any claim to represent the employes.

The Labor Board declared there was nothing in the record to indicate that the company would have refused to bargain collectively with the independent union upon request or that it would refuse to do so in the future," adding:

"In view of the fact that no request for collective bargaining was made and that no labor organization has any present intention of asking the company to bargain collectively, Employes found that no question has arisen concerning representation of employes of the company."

248,000 WORKERS GOT JOBS BACK IN OCTOBER

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($,200), chemicals ($,200), and slaughtering and meat packing ($,000 workers).

Job Losses Reported in Some Occupations

"The more pronounced losses in employment were in the durable goods industries in which seasonal recessions normally occur in October. The largest decrease ($93,000 workers) occurred in canning and preserving. Other nondurable industries reporting declines of a seasonal character were ice cream, beverages, leather and shoes, silk and rayon goods, women's clothing, and men's clothing.

"Among the durable goods industries showing losses were iron and steel and other tinware, electric and steam railroad car building, and machine-shop trades.

More Jobs in Retail Trade

"Retail trade establishments hired approximately 45,000 additional workers in October to handle the increased volume of fall business.

"Preliminary estimates reported a seasonal gain of approximately 8,000 workers in navy yards and on over the month interval. * * *

"Although data compiled to reemployment, employment increasing 12.8 per cent or 4,500 workers, over the month interval.

"Bituminous coal mines also added workers, for a rise of 5.0 per cent indicating the reemployment of 19,900 workers.

"A further expansion in employment of 5.0 per cent, or 1,000 workers, was reported in metal mines, reflecting increased activity due to improved metal prices.

Communication Workers Rehired

"Telephone and telegraph companies added approximately 3,500 workers to their pay rolls and year-round hotels took on 2,000 workers for the season.

"Employment in private building construction showed a slight seasonal decline gain than the average for the[preceding 5 years] would indicate. A report from 12,142 private building contractors employing 108,234 workers showing an increase of 2.3 per cent from September to October.

"The employment losses in the laundry and crude petroleum producing industries were 4,500 and 2,900, respectively. Small decreases also occurred in workers were shown in brokerage, insurance, hotels and restaurants, and electric light and power industries.

"A preliminary report of the Interstate Commerce Commission indicated a gain of 3.4 per cent, or more than 15,000 workers, in the number of employes on Class 1 railroads."

WOLL'S LEAGUE TO AID DEMOCRACY PROGRESSES

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manifested in these meetings has been a desire to demonstrate that the true American people have set their faces determinedly against the destruction of freedom by autocratic power.

Liberty Abolished in Germany

"Our government will take knowledge to the destruction of freedom which we are witnessing in Germany today, where democracy in the field of labor has been stripped of their rights and their property, where they have to be tortured and imprisoned.

"The trials today centers in Germany, but we lay down no hard and fast line, but there may be like oppressions and persecutions tomorrow in other nations. Our motivating force follows a definite attempt to apply liberty in the field of action must follow wherever the principles of liberty exist.

"It is our aim to work in co-operation with the Labor Non-Partisan League and its allied groups, the Green progressives and Catholic teaching, as a deliberate